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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a continuation patent application for filing as identified below:

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Title: LOW-FRICTION SEAL

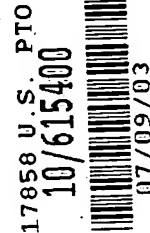
Drawings: Three(3) sheets depicting Figures 1, 2a, 2b, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Small Entity

Other

(Verified Statement Attached)

Basic Fee -----	\$375.00	Basic Fee -----	\$750.00
___ Claims over 20 x \$9.00-----	\$	___ Claims over 20 x \$18.00---	\$
___ Independent claims over		___ Independent claims over	
3 x \$42.00 -----	\$	3 x \$84.00 -----	\$
___ Mul. Dept. Claims \$140.00--	\$	___ Mul. Dept. Claims \$280.00-	\$
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This is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/786,869, filed March 12, 2001, which is a 371 of PCT/EP99/05952, filed August 13, 1999, having a claim for priority based upon German Patent Application No. 198 41 830.2, filed September 12, 1998, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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X Applicant is entitled to small entity status.

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Respectfully submitted,

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